



# COMMUNITY NEWS

District 1

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## Homeland Security Starts With You

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The events that occurred on September 11, 2001 changed our lives forever. We realized for the first time how we are not removed from the terrorism that affects other nations. I know each one of us can recall where we were and what we were doing on that very day. We have learned many lessons since September of 2001, primarily that terrorism is a complex issue and a threat to our community. The question is no longer what can the terrorists do, but what can we do? We now know homeland security involves each and every member of our community and that means you!

Homeland Security and crime prevention go hand in hand. You may be asking yourself what these two things have in common. First, terrorism is a crime. Because of this fact, we can attach crime prevention to it. Second, we know that by preventing terrorism, we are also making our community safer and more secure. Third, preventing terrorism and crime requires each one of us to take action. This means individuals, neighborhood groups, local organizations, and state and national agencies. Each role is equally important to our success at home and abroad. Fourth, we must overcome the issue of fear and use learned crime-prevention techniques to circumvent it. Fifth, by assessing the risks, we can start to direct resources where needed.

Citizens over the last 25 years have become familiar with crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch, residential and commercial security surveys, and citizen patrols. Terrorism prevention is a new topic for most of us.

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## Message From Commander Sean Duggan

District 1's 2006 operational goals listed below serve as a roadmap for all District 1 personnel ensuring we work together toward a common mission. The goals reflect many of the issues and priorities identified through community input, crime data analysis, and our desire to create and maintain strong community partnerships. Our operational goals will help us provide the very best police service possible and will ensure the service we provide meets your needs. In future editions of the newsletter, I will discuss each goal in further detail and explain how the goals affect policing in District 1.

### 2006 Operational Goals

- Prevent crime and disorder
- Respond promptly to calls for service
- Enhance traffic safety
- Develop safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation
- Maintain the integrity, quality and effectiveness of policing services

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### Fast Facts



There were over 1,000 burglaries from vehicles in District 1 in 2005. Please remember to keep your doors locked, windows rolled up and your valuables hidden from view.

## Homeland Security (continued)

Terrorism is less understood even though it has been occurring around the world for centuries. Now that similarities between the two have been identified, the question of what we can do still remains. Crime prevention has faced many challenges and seen many changes. Terrorism prevention is now facing some of those same changes. Changes involving the community to identify roles they can carry out, meeting community needs, providing awareness and skills, and developing neighborhood and community organizations. Here is a list of basic crime prevention principles:

- *Inform yourself on how to better secure your family, your home, your business, and your neighborhood.*
- *Teach others to remain alert*
- *Be aware of your surroundings and those around you.*
- *Report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency.*
- *Start a Neighborhood Watch program in your community or be actively involved in an existing one.*
- *Use the Neighborhood Watch captain as a liaison between your neighborhood and the local law enforcement agency.*
- *Create a communication tree with your Neighborhood Watch group to disseminate information quickly and to quell rumors.*

Prevention is the key to safeguarding our country. The techniques can be applied to any business, civic group or organization, homeowners group, youth group, service and social club and faith community to name a few. Remember the question asked earlier, "What can we do?" The answer is simple. A lot!

## **THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION URGES CONSUMERS TO BE SAFE ONLINE**

The Federal Trade Commission has partnered with many computer experts including federal officials to keep you safe online. They have launched a "new multimedia, interactive consumer education campaign" to help educate the public of the dangers that may exist on the World Wide Web. The [www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov) website has everything from tips and articles to educational videos. According to Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman of the FTC, "an aware computer user is more likely to recognize a phishing e-mail, more likely to download a spyware detector, and far less likely to disclose, expose, or unwittingly share personal information." The website will teach you how to recognize scams on the Internet, how to shop securely online, how to avoid hackers and viruses, and how to deal with spam, spyware, phishing and peer-to-peer file-sharing.

## **ARE YOU SUSPECTING DRUG ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**

The Scottsdale Police Department has established a new tip line to report suspected drug activity. The tip line, **480-312-TIPS** or 312-8477, was implemented out of a concern over the methamphetamine problem. Citizens are our greatest source of information for our two drug enforcement units. This tip line will help the exchange of information between the police department and the reporting person. The benefit not only will be a telephone number for citizens to report suspected drug activity but will provide for a more effective and efficient collection of valuable information. This telephone line will be monitored by an assigned Drug Enforcement Unit Detective that will evaluate the channeling of phone calls through multiple employees. We hope this new tip line will translate into the arrest and removal of more persons associating themselves with drugs. An online complaint form will soon be available on the [www.scottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov) website for those who prefer to write the complaint as opposed to calling it in.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **LIVING THE DREAM**

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottsdale Community Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 5:45 p.m.  
Chaparral Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd.  
For more information call (480) 312-6050.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL P.F. CHANG'S ROCK 'N' ROLL ARIZONA MARATHON ARTWALK**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Downtown Scottsdale  
For more information call (480) 990-3939 or visit  
[www.scottsdalegalleries.com](http://www.scottsdalegalleries.com)

## **The Scottsdale Police Department**



## **Wants You!**

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Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).